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DRIVE FORWARD NOW.

Whether the reactionary city charter drafted by a reactionary convention a few months ago is to be tacitly indorsed or frankly and unmistakably repudiated by the Republican party now rests largely with a special committee named by the party leaders yesterday as part of the territorial platform-framing. This committee is composed of Raymond C. Brown, David Kalanikalanui, H. E. Murray, E. A. Berndt and C. G. Ballentyne.

To this committee has been given the duty of investigating and determining whether a new plank on charter revision should go into the platform, or whether the intent of the plank of 1914 was satisfied by the calling of the charter convention, even though the convention's action was unsatisfactory.

The Star-Bulletin has already expressed its decided conviction that the charter proposal should be repudiated by the Republican party. When the party in its platform two years ago declared for revision of the charter, it did not mean revision for the benefit of the bosses. It did not mean revision for the pampering of patronage. It meant revision for good government and efficient municipal administration and the action of the charter convention was a violation of sound principle.

The Star-Bulletin is expressing the opinion this paper has heard from innumerable tax-payers and voters in saying that the Republican party on Oahu will strengthen itself and will command the support of the growing "independent" element if it stands first, last and all the time for a progressive charter. It is a technical point whether the fight should be made now or when the convention's report is made to the legislature. Under the circumstances, technical points should be thrust aside and the party drive forward upon the main issue of progressive city government.

LORD CECIL'S EXPLANATION.

Lord Robert Cecil, the British minister of war trade, apparently foresaw that his government's abandonment of the Declaration of London would be criticized, for sometime before announcement of the step he gave out a statement that if the Declaration was abandoned, it would not mean a tightening of the commercial blockade of Germany.

"The American critic who said the torpedoing of the Declaration of London was an effort to tighten our legal position rather than to tighten the actual blockade, was quite correct in his diagnosis," said this minister. Which sounds like an indirect admission, perhaps unconscious, that features of this blockade have been illegal, as the United States has all along contended.

Germany has interpreted the abrogation of the agreement to mean a tightening of the blockade. Capt. L. Persens, the naval expert of the Berliner Tagblatt, recently declared that the German government purposes to begin a "new and unrestricted submarine war" in order to force Britain to comply with international law. Capt. Persens declared that Germany now has such a large number of submarines that they can strike with serious effect. His statement would have received much less attention before the feat of the Deutschland than it deserves now. If the Deutschland could bring a thousand-ton cargo to America, large submarines heavily armed should be able to get to sea and remain there for weeks, raiding Allied commerce.

WHERE POLITICS WAITS ON SUGAR.

Politics goes by seasons in Cuba—not dependent upon ordinary nominations and elections, but upon the sugar season. An Associated Press despatch gives the following interesting sidelight:

"With the approach of the close of the sugar-grinding season and the release from employment of many thousands of workers, interest in the presidential campaign is beginning to command attention. By a tacit understanding between the leaders of the various factions, political activities during the grinding season were confined mainly to committees and conference work for the purpose of consolidating the two great national parties, the Conservatives, following President Menocal, and the Liberals, whose nominee is former Vice-President Alfredo Zayas."

LETTERS

NEEDED—A MAN.

Editor Star-Bulletin,

Sir: Returning politicians have done a great deal of talking about what they have done and what they will do.

All this talk rings with one note—jobs, offices, getting the goat of the man that is in.

In not one single instance have I thus far read a word from any single man of what he has done, what he will do or what he knows enough to do for the general upbuilding, sound development and progress of the city of Honolulu and the Territory of Hawaii.

Everything has been absolutely selfish and not a broad, progressive note struck at any stage of the game. All destruction, no construction.

Can it be true that in this continual wrangle that has spelled ruin and defeat for selfish politicians—Republicans and Democrats alike—we see the

dawning of the day when the big men of the country will decide that Hawaii has so many little men in its make-up that a new scheme of government will be regarded necessary for its proper management and control?

What a Godsend to the United States of America if Hawaii in all this petty, childish strife could develop an occasional Big, Broad American-sized Man.

AD CLUB.

RUNAHOU APPRECIATION

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: The trustees of Oahu College are most appreciative of the publicity which the Star-Bulletin gave the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Runahou. They feel that they owe a great debt of gratitude to you for so freely throwing open your columns. It was not so much that the Star-Bulletin willingly published what the occasion seemed to demand; it was more the personal interest which you took in seeing that in the program all the personal details were fully presented. It has often seemed to us that the

newspapers of Hawaii and Punaohu, serving as they do much the same constituency, have a great deal in common. The cooperation of the papers on this account was all the more appreciated on this account.

Very truly yours,

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee of the Trustees of the Oahu College. ALBERT F. JUDD, Chairman.

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BOY SCOUTS AND MEN CITIZENS.

The Boy Scout movement is to be taken seriously. While it directly concerns the boys, it indirectly concerns the community at large and the nation itself. Those back of the movement in the United States desire the Scouts to learn the rudiments of drill, signalling and troop discipline, as well as how to cook their own food, to read the time by the sun, to fight their way through almost impenetrable shrub and jungle and to take bravely whatever comes. Scouts are taught to hold their honor above everything else, to be courteous, honest, saving and polite. Above all, they are to be developed into citizens more alert, more capable, and stancher morally for their enlistment in the organization.

The boys of Hawaii need just such training as the Boy Scouts of America can give and no obstacle should be placed in the way of making the movement in these islands a great success. Men whose hobby it is to work with boys are needed for scoutmasters. During the second week in September the Scouts are to hold their annual rally at Kailua. Here is a chance for interested citizens to get acquainted with the Scout movement.

In one breath the Advertiser scoffs at the "free port" idea for Honolulu, and in the next declares valorously that Honolulu can and should make itself "the best half-way house in the Pacific Ocean," and that shippers and businessmen should work for "the quick despatch of vessels calling here for fuel and supplies." Hasn't it occurred to our morning friend that with a "free port" district Honolulu businessmen could supply vessels at lower cost than otherwise? One of the foremost, one of the most vital points in the whole free port idea is that it enables supplies to be brought here from foreign ports, where they can be bought cheap, stored in the free port district without paying Uncle Sam's duty, and furnished to vessels. With advantages such as this, Honolulu would have something besides geographical position and harbor facilities upon which to compete with the future Fanning Island and with the California and Sound ports. Why condemn a suggestion without fair investigation of its possibilities?

The passage by Congress of the bill authorizing the President to draft the National Guard into the Federal service removes all doubt as to the exact status of the State troops. It renders the organized militia subject to duty as part of the military forces of the United States and obviates any confusion that might have arisen from inadequate legislation in the past.—New York World.

The recent visit of Governor Pinkham to this island proved to be a happy event. Many people came to know the chief executive of the territory better, and he undoubtedly now has a clearer knowledge of Kauai folk, their ideas and ambitions.—Garden Island.

Cornelius Bliss, named as treasurer of the Republican national campaign, has been holding the G. O. P. purse-strings since along back in the Harrison days, if memory serves correctly. Presidents come and presidents go but Bliss remains at the wheel.

The new army and navy appropriations will probably cost \$2,000,000 a day, excluding Sundays, for preparedness. It is costing Britain \$25,000,000 a day not to have been prepared.—New York World.

The claim of the Allies that a neutral ship conveyed the Deutschland rings hollowly upon the ear. And, by the way, what was the Allies' naval patrol doing to let the convoy slip through the sea-lines?

Unfortunately for the Allies neither of those daring German aviators, Lieut. Immelmann and Lieut. Boelcke, after being slain by the press bureaus would stay dead.

In the light of recent developments, how preposterous it is to expect that President Wilson would ever inflict upon Hawaii Judge Stuart as governor!

Recent reports indicate that Europe has at least two Rivers of Doubt—one the Meuse, the other the Stockhod.

Wonder if Judge Stuart is going to support President Wilson for reelection?

ARMY & NAVY

ARMY ORDERS OF LOCAL INTEREST RECEIVED HERE

Special orders received by mail from the War Department contain items of interest to Oahu army men. Sergt. Orloff G. Neal, 75th Company, C. A. C., now at Fort Monroe, Va., will be sent on the transport scheduled to leave September 5, to the Coast Defenses of Oahu, for duty as radio operator.

1st Lieut. Orville N. Tyler, 4th Cavalry, is ordered to report in person to Brig.-Gen. William L. Sibert, U. S. A., president of an army retiring board at the Presidio, San Francisco, for an examination by the board.

2nd Lieut. Clyde A. Selleck, 1st Field Artillery, is directed by an amended order to proceed to join his regiment on the transport leaving San Francisco November 3, instead of leaving after June 8.

Pvt. Jesse H. Brancastul, Battery F, 1st Field Artillery, Schofield, is transferred to the San Diego Aviation School for duty.

Sergt. Emil Kanouse, Q. M. C., permanent school detachment, School for Bakers and Cooks, Fort Shafter, is transferred as second-class private to Company I, 3d Battalion of Engineers, that post.

2ND COMPANY IS INSPECTED; HAS 68 MEN PRESENT

With 68 men present out of 77 enrolled, the 2nd Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of Hawaii, was inspected Wednesday night at 7:30 by Maj. J. B. Douglas, C. A. C., of the United States army for the war department.

The inspection was to determine whether the company comes within the necessary requirements for federal recognition. Maj. Douglas' report will be forwarded to the militia bureau. It is believed that the company passed satisfactorily, as the men apparently made an excellent showing.

Two National Guard of Hawaii officials attended the inspection, Capt. G. K. Harrison, commanding the 1st Company, and 1st Lieut. S. T. Hill, commanding the 2nd. The inspection was held at the mortar battery at Fort Ruger. Three more men were present than the minimum number required by law for a full company, 65.

GUARD BANDMEN MUST ATTEND TO GET THEIR PAY

Attendance of every man in the brass band of the 1st Infantry, N. I. H., at rehearsals every Thursday night was requested today by Chief Musician A. A. Felsch, its director.

"We want a full attendance," he said, "because under the militia pay law, approved June 3, it is necessary that we have practically every man there, if we are to draw our salaries under the new law. We have been having attendance ranging from 20 to 22 men, but we want every man out Thursday night. We now have 23 in the band."

According to the chief musician, new instruments for every man of the band will soon arrive. Bandmen will benefit well under the militia pay law as the range of annual salaries for them is as follows: Private, \$72 a year; corporal, \$90; sergeant, \$108; principal musician, \$120; chief musician, \$225.

The Standard Oil steamer Atlas will sail this afternoon for San Francisco at 6 o'clock.

The Inter-island steamer Claudine, from Maui, arrived here this morning with 37 cabin and 41 deck passengers. She brought 24 head of cattle, 20 calves, 26 hogs, 11 crates poultry, 105 bags potatoes, nine barrels wine, 271 bags coconuts and 186 packages sundries.

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TRANSPORT WILL SAIL TOMORROW; POSSIBLY NOON

At noon Friday the U. S. army transport Sheridan is expected to sail from Pier 6 for Manila, Lieut.-Col. J. B. Houston, department quartermaster, stated today. "We expect to get her away by that time," he said.

Passengers out from Honolulu for Manila will be two, Capt. Harry R. McKellar, Medical Corps, who has been stationed at Fort Shafter, and a navy man, a carpenter.

The transport will take mail for the Philippines, and she will have about 200 tons of freight which has been awaiting transshipment here, having been brought from the mainland on steamers. The sailing hour of noon depends on how soon coal and freight can be taken aboard. She may not be able to leave until some time in the afternoon.

Fort Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) FORT SHAFTER, July 11.—In future parades will be held at the fort as follows: On Tuesdays by the Second Battalion, on Wednesdays by the First Battalion and on Friday by the Third Battalion. The time has been changed from 11:30 to 11 a. m.

In the past the guard duty at the fort was performed by organizations for a week at a time, but commencing last Monday the companies will be relieved daily from the duty and a new company take its place. Guard mounting will take place at 11:30 each morning and the company relieved will furnish the fatigue details during the day following its relief.

On Friday K and M Companies teams will play off a baseball tie to decide which one will center the final league for the trophy. The chief umpire for the day will be Sgt. Lane of I Company of Engineers, and the field umpire will be Private Lee of L Company, 2nd Infantry.

Commencing on Monday the final series will start and twenty-one games will be played. Every one is delighted that the national game will be in full swing again and a large crowd is assured as the teams are very evenly matched for by a process of elimination only the seven best teams will compete.

Sergeant Daniel Gillies and five other enlisted men of Company I, 3rd Battalion of Engineers, left the fort for Robinson on Tuesday for duty in connection with the survey work of Oahu. They will be in camp in that vicinity for several days.

Private Gerald White, Company I, 2nd Infantry, has been detailed on special duty in the quartermaster's department for the purpose of caring for the horses of Field Company E, Signal Corps.

2nd Lieut. Thomas J. Camp, 2nd Infantry, has been detailed as post ordnance officer, vice 1st Lieut. Paul R. Manchester, 2nd Infantry, who has been relieved. Lieut. Manchester has been directed to turn over to Lieut. C. Camp all funds, records and property pertaining to that office.

Captain Harry R. McKellar, Medical Corps, and family will be passengers on the transport for the Philippines on Friday, as Dr. McKellar has been transferred there for duty. He has been in Oahu with station at Fort Shafter for the past two years, and his many friends will regret to see him leave the fort.

Telegraphic instructions have been received at the fort from the department commander calling on post commanders to report the number of enlisted men at each post and the subjects they desired to be instructed in and the number of civilian teachers it will be necessary to employ in order to comply with the provisions of the national defense act recently passed by Congress which states that vocational training will take place on each post so as to fit the enlisted men for a vocation in civil life after their discharge from the army. It is thought that this will be a further incentive for men to enlist, as the instruction will be of a practical nature which will fit them for any special work that they may desire to take up later.

2nd Lieut. C. B. Lyman, 2nd Infantry,

SUGGESTION AS TO CANCELATION STAMP IS MADE TO POSTOFFICE

Request that a cancellation stamp, with an advertisement of the mid-Pacific Carnival on it be used by the Honolulu postoffice will be made of the postoffice department by the Chamber of Commerce. At a meeting of the organization two weeks ago it was suggested that the use of a stamp similar to that used to advertise the San Francisco and San Diego expositions be urged. The secretary of the chamber, Raymond C. Brown, took the matter up with the local authorities and on promise of their cooperation set to work to design a stamp to be suggested to the Washington authorities. First draft of his efforts is printed in another column.

"This appears to be about what is wanted," said Brown as he handed a copy of the stamp to a Star-Bulletin reporter, "but if anyone has a better suggestion I wish he would send it to me."



Proposed cancellation stamp, designed by Raymond C. Brown, secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

try, has been relieved as battalion quartermaster and commissary and has been placed on the unassigned list.

2nd Lieut. Adrian K. Polyhemus, 2nd Infantry, battalion quartermaster and commissary, has been relieved from duty with the Supply Company and detailed with the Machine Gun Company.

Invitations have been received at the fort to the dance at the Oahu Country Club to be given the night of the full moon, July 14.

ARMY TO SELL 5000 SACKS AT SCHOFIELD

Who wants to buy 5000 empty grain sacks, 3000 pounds of oat sweepings, and seven empty carboys? The quartermaster at Schofield Barracks will sell them to the highest bidder. Sealed proposals for the purchase of these articles are being asked, the proposals to be received at the office, Schofield, until 10 o'clock next Monday morning, July 17.

Proposals must be signed by the bidder, inclosed in sealed envelopes, and marked "Proposals for purchase of sacks, etc., to be opened at 10 a. m., July 17, 1916." They must be addressed to the Quartermaster, Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Notices of the proposals are being distributed in this city by Lieut.-Col. G. G. Bailey, Q. M. C.

The Oceanic steamer Sierra, due here July 25, has accommodations for 125 cabin, 30 second and 22 stowage passengers, according to a radio received this morning at C. Brewer & Co., local agency. There have already booked for passage to San Francisco 85 cabin and 20 second class passengers.

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